

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated August 26, 2005, has been received and carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-8, 11, and 12 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1-8 are allowed, and claim 12 is indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hughes in view of Thomas and further in view of Bartoli.

By the above amendment, claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the Section 103 obviousness rejection moot.

Each issue raised in the Office action dated August 26, 2005, has been addressed and it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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